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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Chang, et al. §
Serial No.: 10/634,662 § Group Art Unit: 1762
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Confirmation No.: 6355 §
For: Ruthenium Layer §
Formation for Copper Film §
Deposition §

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/005975.P1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this Preliminary Amendment acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 9 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 19 of this paper and include two attached Replacement Sheets and two attached annotated sheets showing changes. **Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.